

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/588,404  
Filing Date: August 3, 2006  
Applicant: Masaki Kitahara, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2621  
Examiner: Hee-Yong Kim  
Title: VIDEO ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
VIDEO DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
PROGRAMS THEREFOR, AND STORAGE MEDIA FOR  
STORING THE PROGRAMS  
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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT  
IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In supplemental response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2010, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below. This Second Supplemental Amendment is intended to replace the Supplemental Amendment filed August 6, 2010 and the Amendment filed July 21, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.